Cancellation of normal TV Programmes

2613. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to *Mute:*

(a) whether normal T.V. programmes are cancelled/postponed whenever there is a cricket match or some other function Ho be telecast;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the reaction of Viewers who may be disappointed at such a change;

(c) if so, the number of viewers who disapprove of such changes; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) abov$_e$ be in th$_e$ negative, what steps Government are taking to keep in mind the views of viewers who may not be interested in cricket match/ some other function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir. However, these cancella- , lions ar$_e$ resorted t$_0$ only when there arc important National, International sports fixtures or topical current affairs programmes/important conferences etc.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Cancellation of normal TV programme is done only in exceptional circumstances and prior announcements are made for the benefit of viewers as advance information.

Corruption in T. V. Serials

2614. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased *to* sUte:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an interview which appeared in tie Hindustan Times (Magazine Section) of 24th November, 1985 under tile caption 'I know how to click with Indian audience, wherein T.V. serial star Miss Swaroop Sampat has stated that there is a lot $_0$f corruption i$_n$ T.V., which has grown to a large scale due to of serials*, and

(b) if so, what steps Government *am* taking to check this evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MTM|<rrRV OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This report has com$_e$ to the notice of the Government, However. w$_e$ do not agree with the views expressed therein. At present all proposals for sponsored serials are examined by an official Committee in Doordarshan. It has now been decided that non- official outside members will also be associated with this. Committee.

Fish production in Tamil Nada

2615. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be please^ to state:

(a) what has been the production of fish and other marine products in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there has been any fall is fish production i$_n$ Tamil Nadu this year, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any memorandum has bee* received by Government from foe fishermen association of Rameswaram, if so what action Government have taken fh«m on; and

(d) whether any assistance had bee* provided to jobless fishermen; if so, the details thereof, and if not, what are *the* reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA); fa) The total fish production from marine and inland sectors in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise is given helow: